

**For:** State and County Offices

**Issuing Outstanding Market Loss Assistance (MLA) Payments**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A**

**Background**

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill) provides authority to issue FY 1998 through FY 2001 MLA payments to producers that:

- were eligible to receive MLA payments
- did not receive payments by October 1, 2001
- did not receive payments because of the lack of program funding.

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**Purpose**

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- on or about May 13, 2002, KC-ITSDO will broadcast software to re-enable FY 1998 through FY 2002 MLA payment processing options
- County Offices are now authorized to issue outstanding MLA payments to eligible producers.

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#### A

##### Modified Software

On or about May 13, 2002, KC-ITSDO will broadcast software to County Offices that re-enables FY 1998 through FY 2002 MLA payment processing options.

County Offices shall ensure that the MLA payment processing options are re-enabled by verifying the transmitted modules are installed properly according to a forthcoming information bulletin.

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#### B

##### Issuing Outstanding Payments

County Offices shall immediately issue all outstanding approved FY 1998 through FY 2001 MLA payments to **eligible** producers.

**Reminder:** County Offices shall not issue payments to producers in cases involving bankruptcy, disputed shares, or appeals until both of the following have occurred:

- circumstances of the case have been resolved
  - producer is determined eligible for payment.
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##### FY 1998 and FY 1999 Problem Cases

Notice PF-174 provided instructions for submitting cases to PECD, Common Provisions Branch when the FY 1998 or FY 1999 MLA payment could not be issued through the regular payment process.

Special instructions will be provided to applicable State Offices on a case-by-case basis for cases previously submitted.

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##### Authorization Codes

With the exception of the cases identified in subparagraph C, authorization codes are not needed to issue **any** outstanding MLA payments. State and County Offices shall:

- not submit requests to the National Office for issuing MLA payments
  - issue MLA payments through the regular payment process for eligible producers.
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